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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ARMS AID FOR LEBANON

REF: A. DEPTTEL 277711; B. TEHRAN'S 10611

1. NEW YEARS EVE IRANIAN AMB MANSOUR GHADAR ASKED IF WE COULD GET TOGETHER RE LEBANESE REQUEST FOR WEAPONS AND OUR VIEWS THEREON. CALLED ON GHADAR THIS MORNING AND HE SAID THAT MIN NAT DEF SKAFF HAS SPOKEN TO HIM SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT IRAN SUPPLYING U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT. REQUEST LIMITED TO ANTI-TANK MISSILES (TOWS), UNSPECIFIED GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES AND UNSPECIFIED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS. LAST CONVERSATION WAS BRIEF EXCHANGE BETWEEN HIM AND SKAFF DECEMBER 31 AT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

2. GHADAR SAID THAT GOI'S POSITION WAS THAT GOI WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT FROM THE USG WEAPONS DESTINED FOR LEBANON AND PASS THEM ON TO LEBANESE. GHADAR POINTED OUT THAT THIS POSITION WAS SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF PRIOR POSITION, I.E. THAT GOI WOULD FURNISH WEAPONS AND THAT THESE WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE REPLACED BY USG. GHADAR ASKED MY VIEWS AND I FOLLOWED REFTEL A. I DESCRIBED A BIT OUR FMS PROGRAM HERE, INDICATING THAT I WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISED WITH THE ITEMS THAT HE HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUPPLY, FOR WE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM THE LEBANESE MILITARY.

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2. GHADAR SEEMED SATISFIED WITH MY RESPONSE AND SAID THAT

AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO QUESTION OF
THE GOI SUPPLYING ARMS TO THE GOL.
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